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KARACHI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF ARMORED VEHICLE

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON HAS EXPRESSED TO A/SY CONCERN AND UNEASINESS OVER CONDITIONS IN BEIRUT. THEY HAVE INQUIRED AS TO POSSIBILITY OF LOAN OF ARMORED VEHICLE FROM OUR EMBASSY BEIRUT FOR USE BY THEIR AMBASSADOR. PERIOD OF USE WOULD EXTEND UNTIL ARRIVAL BEIRUT VEHICLE THEY NOW HAVE ON ORDER. A/SY RESPONDED THAT IT BELIEVED OUR THREE VEHICLES IN BEIRUT BEING FULLY UTILIZED. A/SY SUGGESTED REALISTIC SOLUTION IS PARTIAL ARMORING OF VEHICLE IN MOTOR POOL OF CANADIAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND A/SY WILL DO INSTALLATION.

2. EMBASSY BEIRUT PLEASE ADVISE IF ONE OF YOUR ARMORED VEHICLES CAN BE UTILIZED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS BY CANDADIAN AMBASSADOR. INGERSOLL

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